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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it may concern:

As a citizen of the United States of America I am writing to voice my opinion and objection to the proposed settlement with Microsoft.

Microsoft has been found guilty of the charges brought against them in a court of law. These charges were proven and since that time Microsoft has continued to practice the same disregard for the law that they showed before the Department of Justice found them guilty.

Microsoft obviously cannot be trusted to police themselves even after the verdict was handed down and cannot be trusted to do so under a settlement that solely benefits them and grants them massive loopholes to continue their monopolistic practices.

It was shown over and over again in the trial that Microsoft hindered innovations of the other companies in their own interest. They used their monopoly in the operating system market to force computer manufacturers to offer ONLY their products and used their relationships with software developers to develop only for their products under harsh penalties.

The Microsoft settlement is a disservice to the people of not only the US but of the world. It will not address the issues in a manner that will prevent or deter Microsoft from continuing their current agendas and will give them license to do so.

As I said above, even after the verdict was handed down against them Microsoft has continued to be caught in the same illegal practices they committed before. Does this not show a deliberate disregard for the law and for the judgement against them?

This settlement should not be allowed to hamper the hands of the Justice Department in protecting the citizens of the United States.

Sincerely,

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